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Another Expert to Address Westfield's Residents and Comp Plan Steering Committee:

On Thursday, March 16, 2006, Dr. Jeffrey Dorfman, Professor of applied economics at The University of Georgia, will address Westfield and Washington Township residents and the Steering Committee in an effort to provide additional perspective for the Comprehensive Plan amendment process. The Westfield Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee is hosting Dr. Dorfman at Oak Trace Elementary School (in the cafeteria) at 7:00pm. Local residents are encouraged to attend.

Dr. Dorfman earned a Ph.D. in agricultural economics from the University of California, Davis in 1989 and has been at UGA since. He is the co-director of UGA's Land Use Studies Initiative and was the founding director of the Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development. He has written one book, over 50 journal articles, and numerous book chapters, reports, and op-ed pieces on a wide variety of economic and statistical topics. His current research program focuses on the economics of growth, economic development and farmland preservation; the measurement of productivity and efficiency; and the application of statistical methods to economic data. He has testified to committees of the U.S. Senate, the Georgia State House, and the U.S.D.A.

His list of consulting clients includes numerous counties, cities, and towns throughout the Southeast, nonprofits such as the American Farmland Trust and The Georgia Conservancy, and corporations including Sprint. He makes frequent presentations about the economics of growth and development all over the country to citizen groups, elected officials, government agencies, planning professionals, economic developers, home builders, and other real estate professionals.

The Comprehensive Plan meeting schedule is posted on the Westfield Town Website www.westfield.in.gov. Notice of all meeting sessions will be posted at the Westfield Town Hall one week prior to the meetings. For additional information about the Comprehensive Plan, call the Community Development Department at 317-896-5577.

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